



The Library Connection online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library and clicking on "News & Events."

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Library to Offer Mix of Teen Read Week Events

What do music lyrics, writing, poetry slams, and open mic nights have in common? They encourage teens to read poetry for the fun of it!

The City of San Diego Public Library is celebrating Teen Read Week, Oct. 19-25 with special events and programs throughout the system. It joins hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores who are encouraging teens to "read for the fun of it" as they celebrate this year's poetry-centric Teen Read Week theme, "SLAMMIN' @ your library."

Literacy is a topic of national concern, and stories circulate about falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today. Teen Read Week is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

A reading habit increases reading proficiency. One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect. Being around adults with a reading habit can counteract the latest statistics from



the Nation's Report Card that indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of seventeen-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

There are many events geared for teens and young adults at libraries throughout the year, including during Teen Read Week.

For the latest information about upcoming events, contact the library nearest you or visit the Library at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

"Scary Library" Events Planned as Halloween Approaches

Children are invited to celebrate Halloween and be tricked and treated with a variety of "Scary Library" events and activities scheduled at several City libraries through Oct. 31.

The spooky good fun will include Halloween parties, holiday craft activities, spooky book displays, scary storytelling, suspenseful films, and exciting and chilling activities. A few of the fun highlights will include:

- Making Halloween cards, Oct. 16, 4 to 5 p.m., Allied Gardens/Beckwourth Branch.
- Learning how special effects are created for the movies, Oct. 16, 3 p.m., Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch.
- Lessons in making Halloween monsters, Oct. 22, Paradise Hills Branch.



- A show of creepy crawly critters, Oct. 23, 10 a.m., City Heights/Weingart Branch.
- Screening of the film "Hound of the Baskervilles," Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Mission Valley Branch.
- Screening of the film "Caspar," Oct. 29, 6 p.m., Rancho Peñasquitos Branch.
- "Goblin's Night Out" puppet show, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Mission Valley Branch.

Other events and programs will be scheduled at libraries throughout the City. For more information, contact your local library or visit the Library on the web at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



A new open-air market is held every Sunday in the Mission Valley Branch Library's parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Along with the usual market fare of fruit, vegetables and flowers, the Friends of the Mission Valley Library also sell used books. A percentage of the sales at the market benefits the branch's programs. The Mission Valley branch recently celebrated its one year anniversary. For more information, visit the library at 2123 Fenton Parkway or call 858-573-5007.

"Magic Flute" to be Performed at City Heights

Mozart's "The Magic Flute" will be performed by the San Diego Opera Ensemble on Oct. 16 at 10 am and noon. The program will be held at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave. Call 619-641-6100 for more information.

New Exhibits on Display at Wangenheim Room

Three new exhibits are now on display at the Central Library's Wangenheim Room. One exhibit showcases early 20th century photographs of American Indians by Edward S. Curtis. Another exhibit showcases 18th and 19th century books on exploration of the Pacific Ocean. The third display features color prints of watercolors that artist Andrew Jackson Grayson (1818-69) painted of birds native to the western United States and Mexico. Open Monday through Saturday, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., the Wangenheim Room houses the Library's special collection of rare books, manuscripts and art.

Poetry Event to be Held at City Heights Library

"An Evening of Poetry: Men in Motion" will feature writers and poets Jihmye Collins, Tomas Gayton, Michael Klam, Jim Moreno, Amara Momoh and more at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library. The event will be held Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Background music will be provided by Barry Thomas. Open mic for the general public. There is limited seating and donations will be accepted at the door.

Works by Artist Joyce Cutler Shaw to be Presented in Four Library Exhibit

"Library Quartet: New and Retrospective Works" features artwork by Joyce Cutler-Shaw at four different library venues, including two City libraries. The exhibit continues through Nov. 8. "Drawings and Dimensional Drawings" is the focus at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St; while "Public Projects: Drawing Translations for Public Sites" is the focus at the Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. The other two venues are the Atheneum Music & Arts Library, 1008 Wall St., and UCSD's Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. A walk-through and talk with the artist will be held at the Mission Valley Branch on Oct. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. For a catalogue, call 858-454-5872.

Children Find Reading a Fun Adventure During Dog Day Afternoons

Children who come to the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library will find that reading is a doggone good time. Every Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the branch has "Dog Days" that feature dogs and pet handlers from Love on a Leash, a volunteer organization that uses dogs for therapy, working with students. Assistant Branch Manager David Nashelsky said the program is designed to encourage children to read. While reading to parents or other adults can sometimes be intimidating for children, canines pose no such problem. The pilot program was tested in July and August and proved popular enough to continue. Each dog is supervised by its owner in its own corner of the room. The Rancho Bernardo Branch is located at 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. For more information, call 858-538-8163.

Upcoming "Great American Writers Series" Events to Include Paul Krugman, Matthew Miller

Two authors will discuss their ideas and their books at upcoming Great American Writers Series events. Economist and author **Paul Krugman**, one of the world's most eminent trade theorists, will appear Oct. 7. The event will take place at noon at the Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 N. Harbor Drive. Open only to members of the City Club, Library League and Friends of the Library, the \$25 charge includes lunch. Nationally syndicated columnist and PBS radio commentator **Matthew Miller** will be at the new Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., on Oct. 17. Miller recently published his first book, "The 2% Solution: Fixing America's Problems in Ways Liberals and Conservatives Can Love." The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Reservations for either event must be made by calling the City Club of San Diego at 619-687-3580 or emailing cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net. The Great American Writers Series is presented by the Library and the City Club.



SCOPING OUT THE LIBRARY – A crowd checks out the periscope at the new Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library during the facility's grand opening ceremony on Sept. 20. More than 4,000 people came to the library's opening day.

Two Distinguished Authors to Discuss Their Works at Central Library in October

Two authors will appear at the Central Library in October. **Wanda Coleman**, the first African-American woman to receive the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize, will discuss her works on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Central Library. **Kathi Diamant**, director of the Kafka Project and adjunct professor at San Diego State University, is also the author of "Kafka's Last Love: the Mystery of Dora Diamant." The gripping literary detective story brings to light the amazing woman who captured Kafka's heart and kept his literary flame alive for decades. Diamant will be at the Central Library on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Both programs will be presented by the Library, California Center for the Book, Friends of the Central Library, and Wahrenbrock's Bookhouse.

Fall Concert Series Continues with Two Performances in October

The Library's Fall Concert Series continues with two performances in October. On Oct. 12, the Trio Lyrique will perform romantic music by Dvorak, Brahms and Mendelssohn. The trio includes Pama Lynn Broekel, violin; Catherine Godden, cello; and Serian Sohn, piano. On Oct. 26, the Odeum Guitar Duo, featuring Robert Wetzel and Fred Benedetti, will perform classical works by Rameau, Soler and Turina. Both free programs are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Library's auditorium, 820 E St.

Coming Attractions



The Library regularly features a variety of movies, most of which are foreign or independent films that are not widely distributed. All films will be shown in the auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. For more information, call 619-236-5800.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.

"Tangos are for Two" (1997) – A fledgling tango singer whose career is going nowhere adopts a renowned crooner's persona. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Monday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.

"Xiu Xiu: The Sent Down Girl" (1999) – Picturesque fable about a city girl whose re-education during China's Cultural Revolution leads to ruin. In Mandarin with English subtitles.

Monday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

"Quiet American" (2002) – Set in Vietnam in 1952, an opium-addicted British reporter in love with a young Vietnamese woman is dismayed when a young CIA agent seems to have eyes for her as well.

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.

"Raising Victor Vargas" (2003) – A 16-year-old boy finds his self-image as a burgeoning ladies man deflated when the neighborhood finds out he's dating an unpopular and overweight girl. He then sets his sights on the most beautiful girl at the local swimming pool.

Monday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

"Better Than Sex" (2001) – A wildlife photographer meets a dressmaker at a party just days before he's to return to his job in London. As they get to know each other ever more intimately, they begin to wonder if what they are experiencing is even better than sex – could this be love?

Monday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m.

"Levity" (2003) – An ex-con freed from prison after 19 years for killing a teenager during an attempted robbery tries to find some kind of personal redemption with the help of a minister and two women.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

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